**Ngā Hui a te Poari Kaitohutohu mō te Pokapū o Te Tāone Nui o Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland City Centre Advisory Board**

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Covid-19 response - context

- To respond to the social distancing requirements of a post-Covid 19 environment, AT has implemented a range of emergency temporary interventions at more than 16 city centre locations.
- These include traffic signal changes, widened footpaths and crossings, pop-up cycle lanes, etc.
- Funding for these changes has been sought from NZTA emergency Covid 19 emergency fund.
In total, Auckland Transport is delivering over 22 km of pop-up walking and cycling lanes to maintain physical distancing.
Queen St changes

- Changes were made to Queen St over three weekends from April 2020 to use the existing kerbside lane as additional footpath space
- This included interim signage to limit vehicle access to Queen St other than by bus or service vehicles
- Existing bus stops and loading zones were modified and mostly retained
- First stage was Customs St to Shortland St, followed by an extension to Victoria St and then Mayoral Dr
- Developed in conjunction with previous concepts by Council’s ADO and towards Access for Everyone (A4E) principles

Extent of Queen St pilot
It would almost be impossible to keep social distance on queen Street if it wasn’t for the quick actions of @AkiTransport to widen the footpaths. Queen St is almost back to normal foot traffic.

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Project interactions

**Emergency Covid works**
- Immediate physical distancing needs
- Temporary treatment

**Queen St pilot**
- Testing broader objectives
- Interim treatments
- Feedback from users and businesses

**A4E implementation**
- Network-wide changes
- Link to light rail delivery
- Substantial supporting workstreams
Engagement

- Very limited engagement with stakeholders on emergency work, mostly just informing
- Drafting engagement process for pilot, notably with Heart of the City as a conduit to Queen St businesses
- Will operate a Reference Group including HotC, City Centre Residents Association, advocacy groups, etc
- Local Board and Councillor engagement also planned

Funding proposals

City Centre Targeted Rate
- From City Centre Business Case Development Programme (including Access for Everyone Concept Investigation) budget
- Seeking approx. $0.6M in FY20/21

Innovating Streets Contestable Fund
- $1M sought
- Submitted early May, decision in early June
- Requirements on structure, monitoring, lessons learnt
Recommendations

- Endorse up to $600,000 from the City Centre Business Case Development Programme (including Access for Everyone Concept Investigation) budget to part-fund the Queen Street pilot project, in conjunction with Innovating Streets investment.
- Nominate representatives to join a working group to the Queen Street pilot project.
- Note regular updates on the Queen Street will be provided

Questions and next steps
Update to the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board on activities to support people sleeping rough

Activities to support people through Covid who were sleeping rough

- Central government, council and NGOs working closely together to provide support
- 1,094 motel units secured nationwide, around a third in Auckland (as at late April)
- Between 27 March and 28 April 2020, 495 people were supported into emergency accommodation in motels
- Primarily people who had been rough sleeping, but also people in overcrowded housing
- Also receiving wrap around support (drug and alcohol, mental health, general health and social support etc)
- Government has provided funding for this to continue until April 2021 and for additional housing for people who are homeless
Inner City Needs Assessment

- Commissioned as part of the Inner City Auckland Homelessness Initiative (ICAHI)
- Objective:
  - to describe the housing, support and social needs of homeless people in the city centre
  - how those needs are currently met
  - to identify gaps in provision that should be prioritised
- Completion delayed due to large covid-related changes in needs and services, as well as need to include new data
- Intend to provide update to ACCAB at July meeting and to Local Board prior to this

Opportunities for ACCAB to support people sleeping rough

- ACCAB have previously provided funding to support people who are homeless
- Previously expressed interest in a night shelter, but covid-related support and changes mean this is not recommended
- Other options include support for:
  - Public amenities such as lockers and showers
  - Priorities from the Kia Whai Kāinga Tātou Katoa (the regional cross sectoral plan) such as education, training and support or reducing stigma
  - Initiatives to address begging (generally not undertaken by people who are homeless)
- Or could wait for Needs Assessment to be completed
Next steps

- Continue to work closely with central government and NGOs
- Update the Local Board and ACCAB on Needs Assessment timing by end of July
- Provide further advice to ACCAB on potential initiatives to support people who are homeless if requested